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SENATOR WARNER: Based on the appropriation from last year through this year there is no problem through December 31, as I understand it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: So we don't need the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Through this year, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well the bill has no affect on next year does it?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Lewis, we are starting the same procedure that we . . . you were attempting to go through about a week ago or two I take it?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Warner, I think we're closer together on this than you realize, particularly when I would like . . .

SENATOR WARNER: Maybe you should rephrase the question better so I can understand which answer you are trying to draw.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well the retroactive . . . let me try that. The retroactive tax was to take care of some deficiencies this year and some from June through December. Is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: The retroactive tax will take care of some omissions from last November by virtue of those omissions being eliminated. It would result in a cash-flow problem a year from now. Those omissions are now taken into account as is provided for 589, then the cash flow problem will not exist.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The general thrust of public opinion will be thusly about the Legislature, I would assume. That's enough Senator Warner. Thank you. The general thrust of the public, I assume, through our good friends of the media and Don Pieper, would probably be that the Governor has stopped spending and the Legislature has raised taxes. Now I would assume that with the failure to override the \$37 million that the action underhand might be not to the best interest of the people of the state. I don't think we ought to bring this back and strike the enacting clause now. I think we ought to look, as we go through the entire session . . . I understand there are veto overrides still before the body dealing with financial matters. I'd suggest to you as a prudent course that we not read this bill right now. We leave this bill as one of our last items as we go home, analyze the need for cash and where we are, at that time dispose of it. So at this time, Senator Keyes, I am temporarily opposed to your motion to striking the enacting clause. I suggest to you that the time to act on that would probably be the last order of business, because I can see the writing on the wall now for the members of the Legislature. The Governor has stopped you from being the number 1 in the nation of big spenders, but you're going to be labeled as one of the number 1 in increasing the taxes. I'm sure that the Governor is